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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** MCAMLIS Steering Committee

**FROM:** Kevin R. White, MCAMLIS Project Manager

**DATE:** April 29, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of the Elimination of the MCAMLIS License Agreement.

**BACKGROUND**

Under a License Agreement entered into on December 9, 1993, Milwaukee County, the Milwaukee County Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD), Wisconsin Bell (now SBC), the Wisconsin Electric Power Company (now WE Energies), and the Wisconsin Gas Company (also now WE Energies) established a formal arrangement pertaining to the copyright ownership of the MCAMLIS digital mapping materials. Under the terms of that agreement, the MCAMLIS Steering Committee retained the copyright title to all hard copy materials, while a subcommittee of MMSD, SBC and WE Energies (Utility Subcommittee) were granted copyright title to all the digital mapping materials.

At the July 15, 2003 Steering Committee meeting, the Committee authorized MCAMLIS Project staff to undertake a review of the copyright issue. This review was in response to recommendations from the MCAMLIS Land and Utility Information System Committee report. At its November 18, 2003 meeting, the Committee received a report on the copyright review. That report found that the Utility Subcommittee, with the exception of SBC, were willing to abandon the digital copyright. Additionally, the recommendation to seek voluntary resolution of the copyright issue was made by Milwaukee Corporation Counsel in a report to the Milwaukee County Board Committee on Judiciary, Safety and General Services at their April 14, 2005 meeting, which pertained to the a review of the MCAMLIS Cooperative Agreement.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is therefore recommended that the MCAMLIS Steering Committee instruct MCAMLIS Project staff to work with Milwaukee County Corporation Counsel and the Utility Subcommittee, in particular SBC, to pursue a voluntary resolution of the MCAMLIS digital copyright issue.

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